

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (currently amended) An intravenous line holder for keeping multiple intravenous lines separated and organized and providing visual recognition of proper placement of the intravenous lines, comprising:

a thin, flat sheet of material having a ~~central~~ first, substantially flat, planar, anterior or upper surface portion, and a marginal edge portion with an ~~and~~ outer end edge edges;

a plurality of side-by-side openings formed through said marginal edge portion in spaced relation to said ~~an adjacent~~ outer end edge; and

a normally closed slit extending from each opening through said ~~an adjacent~~ outer end edge of said marginal edge portion, said holder being made of a material having sufficient flexibility to enable ~~a length~~ lengths of intravenous ~~line~~ lines to be pressed through ~~the slit~~ respective slits and into ~~the opening~~ respective openings, whereby a plurality of separate intravenous lines can be engaged in respective openings to hold the intravenous lines in separated, organized relationship to provide visual recognition of proper connection of the respective lines and thus help prevent erroneous connection thereof.

2. (currently amended) An intravenous line holder as claimed in claim 1, wherein: ~~the central portion of the holder has a substantially flat, planar anterior or upper surface for receiving indicia~~ said first, substantially flat, planar, anterior or upper surface portion is adapted to receive indicia thereon adjacent each separate intravenous line to identify the use or purpose of each line held by the holder.

3. (original) An intravenous line holder as claimed in claim 2, wherein: said marginal edge portion is foldably joined to the central portion at a fold line, defining a first foldable wing through which the openings are formed.

4. (currently amended) An intravenous line holder as claimed in claim 3, wherein:
said first portion comprises a central portion, and there is a ~~opposite~~ marginal edge
portion on each of opposite side edges of said central portion, portions, said marginal edge
portions being of the holder are bendable at an angle to the central portion to define a pair of
5 spaced apart opposed wings having said aligned openings therein for receiving IV lines, the
openings in opposed wings being in aligned relationship with one another.

5. (original) An intravenous line holder as claimed in claim 1, wherein:
the holder is made from paperboard.

6. (original) An intravenous line holder as claimed in claim 2, wherein:
the holder is made from paperboard.

7. (original) An intravenous line holder as claimed in claim 3, wherein:
the holder is made from paperboard.

8. (original) An intravenous line holder as claimed in claim 4, wherein:
the holder is made from paperboard.

9. (original) An intravenous line holder as claimed in claim 1, wherein:
the slits are shaped to resist removal of the intravenous lines from the openings.

10. (original) An intravenous line holder as claimed in claim 9, wherein:
the slits include angularly offset portions.

11. (currently amended) An intravenous line holder as claimed in claim 10, wherein:
the slits connect with the ~~opening~~ respective openings at a point offset from alignment
with a length of IV tubing held in the associated opening.

12. (original) An intravenous line holder as claimed in claim 1, wherein:
the outer end edges of the holder are notched where the slit extends through the
outer end edge, to guide an intravenous line into the slit.

13. (original) An intravenous line holder as claimed in claim 1, wherein:
the openings have a size to snugly engage the length of IV line received in the
opening.

14. (original) An intravenous line holder as claimed in claim 13, wherein:
a series of radially extending short cuts are made around the edges of the openings
to impart some flexibility to the material around the opening and prevent crushing or
deformation of the IV line held in the opening.

15. (original) An intravenous line holder as claimed in claim 8, wherein:
the paperboard material is treated to make it suitable for use in a medical
environment.

16. (new) An intravenous line holder as claimed in claim 4, wherein:
said wings are folded downwardly, whereby said intravenous lines pass beneath said
central portion when said holder is in use, and said indicia is placed on said flat, planar, upper
surface above respective intravenous lines held in said holder.